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CONNECTICUT TROOPS OFF FOR MEXICO BORDER; ANOTHER CLASH WITH CARRANZISTAS REPORTED

MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS IS BLAMED FOR 14 DEATHS; SCOUT MILK THEORY NOW

Bacteriological Examinations By Board of Health Officials Fail to Confirm Suspicion That Milk Supply Caused Strange Glandular Infection—Physicians Still Puzzled, Say Protracted Rainy Season May Contribute to Spread of Ailment.

That the sore throat, glandular and bronchial pneumonia scourge that has swept this city and New Haven recently cannot be ascribed alone to the drinking of milk is the opinion of prominent health department officials today after careful investigation.

It is found to be epidemic from Boston to Philadelphia and throughout the east extending its ravages not alone in the throat but having had a much larger field of death in streptococcal infections of the larynx, bronchial tubes and lungs.

The deaths in Bridgeport during June alone which may be traced to this streptococcal infection, not directly associated with the recently noted deaths, which are in every way similar to the fatal disease known as landers in animals are:

Resiero Bartolomeo, aged 2, 158 Wade street, pneumonia followed by spinal meningitis, ill but 7 days.

Cyril Gordon Foster, aged 24, 1830 East Main street, indeterminate cause, probably lobar pneumonia, ill three days. Not considered serious but died suddenly.

Michael Baratta, aged 13, Clinton avenue, died June 4, lobar pneumonia and meningitis, ill 7 days.

Bernardo Oibels, 194 Spruce street, bronchial pneumonia, died June 11, several days illness.

Mariela F. Viere, aged 2, lobar pneumonia, died June 14 at 197 North Washington avenue, 7 days illness.

Arnellia Viere, aged 1, 197 North Washington avenue, died June 8, of lobar pneumonia, 7 days illness.

Joseph Risko, aged 1, cerebro spinal fever and pneumonia, died June 4, illness of 15 days.

Peter Voelkel, aged 66, lobar pneumonia, died in Bridgeport hospital, June 8.

George M. Korte, aged 67, 103 Asylum street, acute lobar pneumonia, died June 12—illness of four days duration.

Leo Forbes, aged 24, Bridgeport hospital, died June 11, lobar pneumonia, illness of 14 days.

Therese Pattegos, aged 1, of 26 John street, lobar pneumonia, died June 13, 5 days illness.

Maria Rovis, aged 5, of 131 Willard street, bronchial pneumonia, died June 9, 20 days illness.

Peter Morris, aged 25, Bridgeport hospital, lobar pneumonia, 14 days illness.

Cases of glandular streptococcal infection already noted in the news are:

William Marsh, aged 5, who died at the Bridgeport hospital Saturday, June 24, after 14 days' illness. The death certificate gives Septicemic peritonitis the cause being doubtful.

Prudence Merwin, aged 1, died June 16, at 816 Fairfield avenue, from "convulsions due to an unknown cause."

Bradford Merwin, her brother, aged 2 years, and 7 months, of 816 Fairfield avenue, a death certificate for whom has not been filed.

Miss Margaret Brannigan, 1828 North avenue, died June 23, with appendicitis and peritonitis believed to have been contracted while caring for children with glandular trouble.

City, county and state officials now busily engaged in examining herds of cows and milk supplies in this and New Haven county combine in giving clean bills of health to present milk supplies of the Beaver Brook dairy and other dairies so far examined. If any infection existed in milk shipped previous to times of examination, that source of infection is said to have disappeared.

Health Officer McCallan, Milk and Meat Inspector Knapp of this city and State Health Officer Blake today inspected every employee of the Beaver Brook Dairy. Cultures taken from every individual employed by large and small milk companies will be sent to the state bacteriological laboratory for examination. With declaration of bacteriologists that nothing but pure milk is being taken from cows of the larger dairies it has been a theory that some infection passed from an individual into one or more cans.

This theory is widely combated by physicians throughout the city who have noted cases of streptococcal infection.

TWO FAINT IN RUSH TO GET CERTIFICATES

Nearly 4,000 Children Have Obtained Cards Entitling Them to Work.

Two children have collapsed and many have been nearly crushed in the crowds that have stormed the state board of education rooms in the Masonic temple, seeking certificates to prove they are of working age.

Never in the history of Bridgeport, according to Charles N. Hall, commissioner in charge, have more than 1,000 children sought certificates during any one year. Today, the seventh day of granting certificates, nearly 4,000 children had obtained the slip of paper that entitles them to get jobs. This number may be doubled before the end of the summer. About 450 a day seek the certificates.

"You'd be surprised to see the serpentine line of children starting from Commissioner Hall's desk, wound in and out along the south wall to the stairs and down the stairs to the street.

There were as many girls as boys or more in the crowd. Truant Officers James Farnan and Richard Larkin kept the children in check, quieting them so that the other business of the temple building could go unhampered by the noise. Once in a while, when some independent youth, not relishing the long wait entailed by starting at the end of the line, would select his place and the cry of "Ringer" would ensue. The policemen made the lives of the demonstrators short.

"There are only 160 in that line," said Officer Farnan, "and they are in single file. Last Wednesday we had 40 long a line but the children were two abreast.

"It's surprising and nothing more forcibly indicates the prosperity of Bridgeport. They're getting jobs."

"You'd be surprised to see the number of places where they get jobs. Factories, stores, candy kitchens, fruit stands and almost every kind of business is employing them."

Commissioner Hall works every day from 8:30 o'clock until midnight on the certificates. Today he had four clerks helping him and early last week 10 were necessary. Last year, he accomplished the work alone.

With Commissioner Hall alone in the office Monday, the first day of issuance, the storm of children broke. They filled the corridor until there was scarcely standing room. The little office where Commissioner Hall sat was besieged and the ones who got there early perched on the desks and tables and chairs, while others occupied the standing room on the floor.

Tuesday was another bad day. Two children fainted in the pushing and crowding. A request for police aid was sent and Wednesday the truant officers were placed on the job.

The office opens at 8:30 o'clock and closes at 3. From 3 o'clock until 12 the commissioner and his assistants are busy making out reports to be mailed to the parents and the state board headquarters.

ALL RECORDS FOR DIVORCE BROKEN IN LOCAL COURTS

Almost 300 Separations Granted in Fairfield County Superior Court.

The coming of prosperity to this city left a trail of divorces in its wake and the returns show that all records for the granting of decrees were broken during the court term which closed last week. In the superior court 289 couples were separated, a mark that surpasses anything hitherto known in this county.

The biggest number in previous years was 203 in 1914 while in 1915 the number dropped to 175. The total of 289 during the recent session was made while the court was held in this city from last October until June 23. There were so many cases on the docket that special divorce days were assigned during the April term and Judges Webb and Curtis heard 141 cases in that period.

Although it has been a popular belief that divorces were luxuries indulged in only by the rich the court records prove this a fallacy. Of the great number granted in this city nine out of ten applicants were working people and other persons of moderate means.

H. H. PINNEY IS NAMED HEAD OF REMINGTON CO.

Penfield to Be Succeeded by Former U. M. C. Co. Official Immediately.

REORGANIZATION OF PLANTS TO FOLLOW

Many Changes Under New Regime Expected By Munitions Workers.

Major Walter G. Penfield, U. S. A., retired, works manager of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. and the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. will be succeeded by Harry H. Pinney, who was formerly connected with the Union Metallic Cartridge Co.

A notice was posted in the plants this morning that Major Penfield's retirement takes effect at once naming his successor. The change is one of the numerous ones that are being made, including the abolition of the publicity department, the paid fire department, part of the guard system and much of the employment of unskilled help.

Pinney is generally credited with having perfected the organization of the U. M. C. Co. along the lines now in force, nine years ago. The shot tower was built under his supervision. He gained notoriety when he engineered a great contract for big shells with the Argentine government.

His work in this city attracted the attention of Hugh Chalmers, president of the Chalmers Motor Co. and he was employed by that concern at a large salary. His health breaking down, he retired from the position and engaged himself as consulting engineer with a number of firms. He is an expert mechanical engineer, who worked up from the ranks, in the Brown & Sharpe Co. of Providence. He will have charge of the Arms plant in the U. M. C. Co.'s plant in Hoken, N. J.

His engagement is expected to mean complete reorganization of the Remington plants.

Major Penfield came to this city from Springfield, where he held an executive position in the government arsenal. Before that he had experience at Fort Worth. He has been in the Remington interests here since the establishment of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co.'s new plant.

The indictment followed in legal (Continued on Page 6.)

GRAPHOPHONE CO. WILL RUSH NEW EAST END PLANT

Birdsey-Somers "University of Corsets" Small Part in Plans of Factories.

To meet the manufacturing requirements of its ever-increasing business the management of the American Graphophone Co. is preparing to erect a huge addition to the Birdsey-Somers Co., "University of Corsets," in Barnum avenue, which it recently purchased. The addition to the plant will be a three-story steel and concrete building of the most modern factory construction and it will be located to the east of the present handsome building. A larger power plant also will be built.

Work will commence on the new buildings as soon as the contracts can be let. They are being advertised now. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy by fall and that the Birdsey-Somers factory will be equipped with machinery by that time. The new branch of the Graphophone Co. plant will furnish employment for several thousand persons. It is reported that the new plant will be used exclusively for the manufacture of Dictaphone parts, but this could not be verified today.

The Birdsey-Somers Co. still occupies a portion of the Barnum avenue factory, other parts being used by the Graphophone Co. for storage purposes.

Secretary George W. Greer, of the Birdsey-Somers Co., said today that his company is negotiating for a factory building in Bridgeport and that the business would not be removed from this city. He said arrangements for a new location probably would be made this week and preparations to move would begin at once.

OPPOSE CLARK CLAIM

Opposition to the \$12,771.81 claim filed by George B. Clark against the estate of David O'Connell developed this afternoon in the bankruptcy court when there was a hearing before Referee John W. Banks. Trustee Thomas Barkey was on hand to oppose the allowance of the claim. He said if it were allowed there would be very little left in the estate for the other creditors. O'Connell conducted a garage on Noble avenue. Referee Banks reserved decision.

COLONEL DECLINES TO STAND

Chicago, June 26—Theodore Roosevelt, in a letter read to the Progressive National Committee in session here today, finally declined to accept the presidential nomination of the party and strongly urged the organization to support Charles E. Hughes.

The colonel's letter was read by Oscar K. Davis, secretary of the committee.

CASEMENT JURY IS COMPLETED; TRIAL IS BEGUN

Alleged Leader of Sinn Fein Revolt Faces Treason Charge.

London, June 26—At 10:30 o'clock this morning, a clerk in the court of the Lord Chief Justice called out: "The King versus Sir Roger Casement," and the trial of the knight who is accused of having instigated the Irish rebellion was under way.

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The judges' bench runs along one side with high iron-railed docks and the jurors' box flanking it on the left and right. The lawyers sit at tables in the well, back of which rise half a dozen rows of benches which today were filled with barristers in white wigs and black gowns, and with a number of newspaper reporters.

Above is a small gallery filled with spectators. Over the dock, in a small balcony, were half a dozen women, including the wife of the chief justice.

Viscount Reading, the Lord Chief Justice, and Justices Avory and Horridge, in bright scarlet robes and powdered wigs, took their seats, the case was called and Sir Roger Casement was brought in to answer to the charge of high treason. The prisoner, who was pale, bowed to the justices and the chief justice returned the salute.

Early this morning it was set out and immediately plunged into the wildest and most thickly wooded section of Weston. Attempts to follow it were futile.

Mrs. Treadwell often of late has expressed herself dissatisfied with life and it is feared she has committed suicide. In her trunk today was found a letter directed to Frank Gregory of Norwalk asking that he take care of whatever property she might leave and apportion it equally among her relatives. Miss Treadwell is a sister of James Treadwell, foreman for O. T. Bulkley of Fairfield.

Continue Hearing of Collector Griffin In Auto Accident Case

Pending the recovery of the three young women and one man who were struck by the automobile of Stephen J. Griffin of 381 Linwood avenue on State street last evening, the case against him was continued until July 11 in the city court today. He is charged with reckless driving.

Griffin, a deputy customs collector, was driving his car from Warren street into State street when it skidded on the pavement and knocked down Andrew Dahlberg, 52 years old of 19 Maplewood avenue. Agnes Maher of 110 Pembroke street, Nellie Mahen of 361 Stratford avenue and Helen Gibson of 125 Marion street, who were walking on the sidewalk, Dahlberg received a fracture of the leg while the girls received lacerations and bruises. The latter were taken to their homes while Dahlberg is confined at St. Vincent's hospital.

Gaining entrance to the boarding house at 35 Hallett street by prying open a side window, intruders last night secured \$22 and a watch that belonged to roomers. They made the escape through a back door which was found open this morning.

VILLA IS AIDING CARRANZA, SAYS BORDER REPORT

Bandit Reaches Agreement With De Facto Government, Pledging Aid.

CARRANZA RECEIVES ULTIMATUM OF U. S.

Question of War Depends on His Reply, Expected at Any Hour.

El Paso, June 26—Information reached here today from apparently reliable sources that Francisco Villa, until recently at Santa Rosalind, reached an agreement with the de facto government and that this was being used to induce his followers to join the Carranza forces.

CARRANZA GETS NOTE.

Washington, June 26—Secretary Lansing's note to the de facto government reached Mexico City last night and Special Agent Rodgers arranged for delivery immediately.

Reported in a cablegram from Mr. Rodgers sent last night and received today.

Whether a state of war shall exist between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico depends upon the formal declaration of policy by General Carranza which is expected hourly. The American government will insist upon the immediate release of the cavalymen captured at Carrizal as demanded in the note but high officials of the administration explain in interpreting the communication that the course of the United States will be determined by Carranza's final statement of his intention toward the American expedition in Mexico to protect the border rather than on the specific circumstances of the Carrizal incident.

South American republics, through their representatives here, inquired today of Eliseo Arredondo, Carranza's ambassador designate, whether his government would accept offers of mediation in the crisis between Mexico and the United States.

Threatened to Slash Sister's Face If She Spurned Her Husband

European customs in the United States were brought to light today by the arrest of James Chary of Ansonia on the complaint of his sister, Mrs. Drunkie, of 271 Sixth street, who alleges that Chary threatened to slash her face last week because she would not go back to her husband.

Chary was arrested by Detectives James Dooley and John Flynn at the instigation of Mrs. Drunkie. She states that she was forced by her husband to marry Drunkie against her wishes about a year ago, directly after she came to this country from Greece. She is 22 years of age and he 44. They continually wrangled since she came to this country and she was so angry with him that she wished to attack the American forces that crossed the river in pursuit of bandits on June 17.

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PLEDGE \$800 FOR TROOPS AT FRONT

Mrs. Frank E. Ballard, who has been made secretary and treasurer in Bridgeport for "With the Boys' Association," which was recently formed by local city officials while on a trip to Port Washington, L. I., announced today that subscriptions amounting to nearly \$800 have been pledged.

It is expected that with the present preparation for militia service at the front many Bridgeporters will want to send money and small luxuries to the troopers and a wide campaign will be begun in this city next week. As at present planned money or luxuries will be accepted but not articles of wearing apparel.

REPUDIATES INTERVIEW.

Henry J. Seeley, commander of the Connecticut Department, Grand Army of the Republic, today repudiated an interview published yesterday in which he is quoted as casting aspersions on President Wilson. He denied that he had criticized the President's Mexican policy or that he said he was glad the Civil War happened and that the young men of today were too proud to fight for their country.

BURGLAR ESCAPES.

Police are investigating the entrance of the home of Gerald Lineburgh at 104 Fremont street Saturday evening when a man was discovered in one of the rooms by Mrs. R. B. Hard, mother of Mrs. Mrs. Lineburgh. As Mrs. Hard switched on the lights, the man, minus coat and hat, jumped through a window and escaped. Nothing was taken from the house.

Hurried Orders Result in Departure This Afternoon of Two Regiments of Infantry, One Cavalry Troop, a Signal Corps and Field Hospital Company—States in East Will Send 15,000 Men to the Border—Another Clash With De Facto Government Troops Reported in Mexico

Camp Holcomb, Niantic, June 28—The Connecticut National Guard to the extent of one troop of cavalry, a signal corps, a field hospital company and the First and Second regiments of infantry began entraining for the Mexican border at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

This departure was in response to imperative orders from the Department of the East headquarters at Governor's Island to Adjutant-General Cole in command of the state forces on the camp ground.

TROOPERS REPORTED IN CLASH

Another Battle South of Border is in Progress—Mexicans Get Ready For Stout Resistance to U. S. Advance.

Columbus, N. M., June 26—A report was current here today that another clash of American and Carranza troops had occurred in the vicinity of Villa Ahumada. Army officers here have not confirmed it.

MEXICANS TO RESIST.

Chihuahua, Mex., June 26—Immediately after the evacuation of San Geronimo and Bachinaba by American troops, General Jacinto Trevino occupied these points and issued strict orders that Carranza's men to return south must be forcibly prevented.

CARRANZA OUSTS GENERAL.

Laredo, Tex., June 26—First Chief Carranza has removed General Alfredo Ricaut, commander of the north-eastern Mexican border patrol and reinstated General Emiliano Nafarette, now at Tampico. It was unofficially reported here today that Carranza's failure to attack the American forces that crossed the river in pursuit of bandits on June 17.

PERSHING READY FOR ANY ACTION OF CARRANZISTAS

El Paso, June 26—General Pershing's punitive expeditionary force in Mexico is ready for action if action is necessary. Today, according to the best information here, his southernmost outpost is near El Valle less than 50 miles from Colonia Dublan, the main base. It is believed that from El Valle a large and mobile force may be pointed eastward in a strategic position toward the Mexican Central railroad.

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CARRANZA MAKES IMPORTANT SHIFT IN DEFENSE LINE

San Antonio, June 26—News reaching army headquarters here today indicated that the Mexican forces along the Rio Grande, from Matamoros to Juarez, either have withdrawn their main strength from the border or are preparing to do it. It is also indicated that these troops are taking steps at strategic points along a line well south of the border where railroad junctions allow of the rapid handling of troops or where the topography of the country permits of a strong defense.

Their new line, it is reported, parallels the course of the Rio Grande and would command the strategic points of Monterey and Saltillo, the Coahuila coal mines, which furnish the main fuel supply of Mexico; Paredon, the main railroad junction point between Monterey and Saltillo, and Torreon, and probably will be the main base of the Mexican army, and Chihuahua City.

Flags were at half staff today on the Algonquin and Seaside club buildings in respect to Harry A. McElroy whose funeral took place this morning.

15,000 Ready to Go

New York, June 26—About 15,000 additional troops under the command of the department of the east have been ordered to start for the border tomorrow. It was announced at headquarters.

Fourteen regiments, including infantry, cavalry and field artillery, together with signal hospital, ambulance company and other units, under orders from General Wood to start before night.

Massachusetts and New Jersey troops were ordered to entrain today for El Paso.

Three weddings of men in camp are understood to have occurred today. One of them was that of George W. Cheney, of Hartford, and Miss Katherine Parker also of that city. Cheney was graduated from Yale in 1910.

"FOURTEENTH" GETS ORDERS.

Peekskill, N. Y., June 26—The 14th Infantry, of Brooklyn, received orders today to entrain immediately. The officers said they would be able to get away this afternoon.

JERSEY TROOPS START.

Sea Girt, N. J., June 26—It was announced at Camp Flieder today that the first contingent of New Jersey troops would leave for Texas at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The contingent consists of Troops A and C, cavalry, two batteries of field artillery, a field hospital and an ambulance corps.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 26—Upon the receipt of orders from the war department, Adjutant General Stewart today ordered the first brigade, comprising the first, second and third regiments of Philadelphia to prepare to leave the mobilization camp at Mount Gretna by tomorrow night. The brigade will be accompanied by one battalion of engineers, one field signal corps and one field hospital corps.

YOUTHS SENTENCED TO JAIL AND FINED FOR THEFT OF POCKETBOOK
Found guilty by Deputy Judge Wilder in the city court today on the charge of the theft of a pocketbook belonging to Bessie Banks of 228 Wordin avenue, Joseph Burns, alias LeBrun, and John Williams, were fined \$25 and costs and sentenced to 10 days in jail. They were accused of picking up the pocketbook on Wordin avenue, but denied the charge. LeBrun was arrested last week and fined for gambling.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair tonight, Tuesday partly cloudy, possibly local showers.